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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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Woes in Which the Age Culminates.

WITHOUT entering into the detail of the closing events of the Christian age through which will be ushered in the Theocratic kingdom, we herewith present in general terms some of the laws through which the culmination matures. "The love of money is the root of all evil." According to prophecy, the age will terminate in three general woes, which, when analyzed, are found to pertain to the state in general, to the church in general, and to the principles governing the propagative function. In previous publications we have defined money to be "The Guard and Criterion of Commercial Uses." This includes commerce in every domain of commercial activity, even in the domain of sex. Embracing as we do, all spheres of activity in our analysis and definition, ascribing to the term this broader field of relationship and application, it may be readily perceived that "the love of money is the root of all evil," for it involves the social as well as every other phase of commerce.

There is a true and a false money, hence there is a true and a false love appertaining to it. In the declaration, that "the love of money is the root of all evil," is included the love of false or fictitious use, which is merely the perversion of the true. Money in the secular sense is the regulation and adjustment of the products of use, legitimate only when the producer is so protected in his creation of products as to insure to him the full results of his application. Money does not mean gold, silver, paper, or any other substance employed as a medium of exchange. It is primarily a mental consciousness of what is right between man and man. The commercial world today is a perversion and a prostitution of the money principle and its use, and the love of money has become so narrow, sordid, and circumvented as to constitute it the absolute center and object

of worship. True worship is the love of God; its manifestation is the performance of use to the neighbor, and whatsoever so regulates this use as to effect a conspiracy of all things toward universal rest and peace, conduces to that final consummation denominated immortal and eternal life.

The activities of the seculo-commercial world have culminated in a consummate prostitution. Accumulative greed constitutes the only motive and incentive to energy. The love of money is the religion of the age, and for the acquisition of money, individual, corporate, and national honor and virtue are sacrificed; and because of this, the dire vengeance of a just potentiality is about to fall upon the world. The inventive ingenuity of man (and in modern times, the Christian (?) man) is strained and taxed to the utmost to develop the most destructive processes of killing other Christian men. It is said (and we admit it) that all this is being accomplished in the interests of peace. This will be the remote result, but it is not prompted by any peaceful motive, nor will it result in peace until after the forces of destruction combine in their final diabolic purpose. There can be but one termination to that inordinate greed of men which will grind the face of the poor and oppress the hireling in his wages, that individual, corporate, and national pirates and thieves may prosper while tens of thousands are robbed and degraded.

The United States has been the most peacefully inclined of all the nations, and the least prepared for war. It has looked with equanimity upon struggling Cuba, while the island was being decimated through the fiendish avarice of the most diabolical of oppressive powers. It would have been regarded the last to plunge into a national conflict with a foreign foe, with possible international complications, but, while pretending to com-

miserate the starving Cubans, it was aroused to conflict when its commercial interests and its pride were menaced. The battle cry is, "Remember the Maine."

If the very heart of that from which the peaceful solutions of the world's problems are expected, arises to destructive conflict when the world exclaims, "Peace! Peace!" what may not be expected when comes the final grapple for commercial supremacy?

We know whereof we speak when we declare that the final judgment is at hand,—the destruction of the old system, for which the nations of earth are now

almost fully prepared,—and that the kingdom of righteousness, the Theocracy ordained of God, is about to be substituted for the churches and kingdoms of the world. The vortex is full, and the vial of the wrath of the avenger is about to be precipitated. Some will hear the warning voice, as did the Christians of Jerusalem when they saw the city encompassed with the Roman armies,—the sign of the fulfillment of the Lord's prediction. The modern Jerusalem—the adulterated Christian world, has encompassed itself with armies to fulfil in antitype the prediction of the end of the age.

Formidable Guns Cannot Enforce Genuine Peace.

WE ARE in possession of another conspicuous illustration of "The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." Behold how these modern Christian brethren love one another. Somebody has invented another high-power gun, just to show the world how *unnecessary* it is to shoot, and to accentuate the fact that we are "bound over to keep the peace." This is what one of the Chicago dailies says about it:

A New Device to Make War Go Out of Fashion.

New York, June 6.—Since the discovery of high explosives the military and scientific experts of two continents have been cudgeling their brains to perfect a shell to throw them, says the *New York Press*. An officer in the United States army has practically completed a device which, perhaps, will perform this hitherto impossible task. The invention is a detonating fuse for a shell to fire high explosives. Such a fuse, it is believed, will advance 10 years the day which it is predicted some time will come when war will no more be waged because of its very destructiveness. The minute an American rifle hurls a shell of this kind successfully at an enemy, all other shells will be as antiquated as rifles without magazines. The day that witnesses the perfection of such a shell will relegate to a position of secondary importance, billions of dollars' worth of ammunition stored in the arsenals of Europe.—*Chicago Journal*.

Our impression all along has been that when the era of peace on earth, good will to men, is inaugurated, it will be the result of radical changes in the human soul;

and that the maintenance of peace will issue from the fellowship of interests guarded by the actuation of love and not through menace of superior shooting qualities. Recent events, as illustrated in the heroism of the men who sank the *Merrimac* in Santiago harbor, would seem to indicate that military and naval heroes would prefer to face danger where triumph is to be achieved and honors won, than to participate in bloodless and unexciting victories. Peace on earth will never be attained but by virtue of the pervasion of the human heart with the spirit of divine love, and this will come through regeneration from the Son of God.

The Lord declared: "I came forth from my Father; ye are of your father the devil." There is nothing more clearly taught by the Christ of God, and exemplified in earth, than the doctrine of the divine and satanic origin of men. The Lord who was absolutely righteous, was of God; the common unregenerate humanity is of the devil. Regeneration will transform devils and make of them sons of God. This will be accomplished through regeneration in the fruition of human life. The sons of God will comprise a common brotherhood, whose Father is the Lord God of heaven. Until the resurrection is manifest, now at the end of the age, men are not the children of God; they are not a brotherhood, and there is no established peace.

On the Point of the Sword.

THE Lord said: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword." The facts certainly support the prediction. The Christian (?) world has gone forward "conquering and to conquer." If any nation or people on the face of the earth can represent Christian principles, the most progressive, the most liberal, the most enlightened should do so. This nation representing Christianity, appears to be striving to fulfil the Lord's militant declaration.

Judas Iscariot was as much an essential element in the world's progress as Christ the Lord. Without the betrayal and crucifixion of Christ, there was no redemption for man. All things that are, exist by virtue of necessity and within the province of law. War is as essential as peace; without it there could be no peace. War is righteous when waged in a righteous cause, and for righteous purposes. God in war is ever on the righteous side, and we are on the Lord's side.

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Renunciation a Factor in the Attainment of Immortality.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

It is only with Renunciation (entsagen) that Life, properly speaking, can be said to begin.—Carlyle on Goethe.

JESUS enunciated philosophical truths of universal application. "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it," is the statement of a definite principle extending to every domain of existence, and constituting the law of progression from lower to higher forms and conditions.

At the foot of the physical creation lies the mineral. If it save its forces for this plane, it will remain forever at the foot, the representative of a combination involving the smallest proportion of spirit with the largest proportion of matter, hence the lowest degree of consciousness in the universe. But if it yield up its very life substance freely, joyfully, for the sustenance of a higher type, the vegetable, it becomes incorporated into a more complex, more beautiful and fully developed stage of life. Its ascent in the scale of being begins with obedience to the altruistic impulse, very faint, almost indistinguishable here, but waxing stronger and stronger with the assurance of the upward tendency, until the vegetable becomes the animal, the animal the human, and man stands forth, the highest expression of consciousness, involving all lower forms within his own organism.

But man in his segregated condition is not the finished product. He is not satisfied on the plane of material and earthly existence. He feels "immortal long-

ings" stirring at his breast, urging him to mount higher and aspire to the central consciousness of wisdom and power, the very throne and altar of Deity. The same inexorable law confronts him here: "Whosoever will save his life, must lose it." Before he can enter the gates of gold, every downward impulse must be checked, every root of desire that reaches down to the soil of death must be eradicated, and the whole personality, spirit, soul, and body, be presented a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God,—a reasonable service, for it is only through the exercise and function of reason that an application of truth to life can be made.

According to the Science of Immortal Life underlying the philosophical declarations of Jesus, and now disclosed in the age of science, when man has renounced every material and sensual gratification pertaining to the lower life, his higher nature, those aspirations born of Faith and Love, by their own free determinings, will rise, meet food for the replenishment of the celestial life of Gods.

May we, as Koreshans be incorporated into and become integral with that same holy, beautiful, and divine spirit which, on the day of Pentecost, inspired the wills and fired the hearts of the expectant band, planting in them the seeds of life immortal, destined to spring up and bear fruit an hundred fold now in the harvest at the end of the age.

Criticism of the Sixteenth Page Answered.

BY PROF. V. G. MORROW.

I am of the opinion that you have not given careful attention to everything on this Sixteenth Page. It does not represent the facts as proven by observation. Some 16 months ago I pointed out some errors which Prof. Morrow had overlooked, and you corrected them—at least the cut never re-appeared on the page again. On this 16th page Prof. Morrow has done better than I could do artistically, but there are two or three things that surely need changing. I understand your Cellular Astronomy is soon to be issued, and if so, these cuts are quite certain to illustrate its pages. The central and the solstitial cuts need changing, I think. I think I understand your philosophy and science as well as any one outside of yourself, hence I can see where these cuts conflict with facts, while your science of astronomy does not conflict with anything but fallacy.

In a late issue of THE SWORD I read the following: "The sun is on the upper limits of our atmosphere, in the plane of union between our atmosphere and the hydrogen above us." This is hardly true, because all of the planets and all the stellar world or sphere are seen beyond the sun's orbit, and none of them are seen this side of the sun's orbit. We see planets and stars beyond the sun, hence vision extends beyond the sun's orbit. I think the above quotation needs correction or clearer explanation.

In the central cut, Prof. Morrow shows that nearly one half of the stars are this side of the sun's orbit, and hence transit the sun. This is not true. Observation shows that all the star belt

is not only inside the sun's orbit, but it is beyond that of all the planets. This cut indicates that many stars, as well as Venus, Mercury, and probably Vulcan, transit the sun. This is not true. It will not do to go before the world with that cut. I've excepted [expected?—Ed.] he would be called down on these points long ago, but no one has done so, at least there has been no publication of any such letter. I do not presume my letter will appear in THE SWORD. The central cut, while good in many respects, does not present the true relative position of the sun, planets, and stars. No stars transit Jupiter, nor even Neptune; nor do these planets transit the sun. The cut does not show that these planets transit the sun, but it does show that many stars transit both the sun and these planets.

In the solstitial cuts, he has made the moon with nearly twice the diameter of the sun. This is wrong and misleading. He cannot adjust himself to any such possible observation. When the sun is in the horizon and the moon is in the zenith, they are the nearest and greatest distance visible from the observer, and no eye can detect any difference in sun and moon. This moon should be quite the same size as the sun. They appear so in any position of their orbit.

Will you give some reason for stating that there are 5 mineral strata? This makes 17 instead of 12 strata. It is easily understood why there should be one stratum of—[We suppose he meant to add mineral, but there is a break after of.—Ed.] 4 geologic, and 7 metallic. But to indicate there are 5 mineral is not

clear to me, and as I see no use for them, I ask if you will explain? If I am wrong as to my comments on page 16, you will kindly show me wherein I am wrong. I think some corrections are necessary.—R. O. S., Monroe, Wis.

WE HAVE before us the above letter, which we desire to puncture to see if there is anything in it. It came addressed to the Founder of the Koreshan System, but it has been left for the consideration of the Editor of THE SWORD, inasmuch as he is responsible for the illustrations on the Sixteenth Page. We will notice "two or three things which need changing," as well as some mistakes. The writer of the above has presumed to split some hairs of ours, and in turn we desire to do the same to a number of his! He may be surprised to find his letter published, inasmuch as he seems to think that perhaps a number of other similar letters have not found their way into THE SWORD columns, all because the avenues have been too closely guarded. There are just two things we do with criticisms: Accept them for our profit, or demolish them. We have *never* been afraid to meet them.

The illustrations on the Sixteenth Page are as we desired to have them; whatever inaccuracies there may be in them are due to exaggerations of the size of the objects for other purposes than to suit the scale. Look at the central cut, for instance: The space of $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches is made to represent the dimensions of 8,000 miles diameter. The finest line or dot in the cut is at least ten miles in width; the line which describes the sphere of the heavens, only .02 inch wide, represents at least 30 miles space. The planets appear about 100 miles in diameter, while the diameter of the projected sun appears to be 324 miles. To show the moon a little this side of the sun's orbit, the moon is dropped a little from the line, and its upper limb appears to be 180 miles below the surface of the atmosphere; and as it is 324 miles in diameter in the cut, the lower limb appears to be 496 miles from the earth's surface, while in fact these objects, as viewed in the natural heavens, are but little larger than they appear to be.

So you see we had to contend with the scale, and violate the principles of order in order to make the objects appear striking in the cut. With the size as shown in the cut, if we attempted to place them in their order of emplacement, the critic would object that some were too high and some too low; if we undertook to represent them true to scale, the objects would be so small in the cut that even a microscope could not detect what they are. No astronomical cut on a small scale can even approximate accuracy; where one point is gained another is lost—there must be exaggeration somewhere. The object of the cut in question is simply to illustrate general features of the Koreshan Astronomical System, and the criticisms are unjust, and do not amount to anything, except to suggest that Prof. Morrow does not know what he is about; and of course, that remains to be seen. The first cut referred to on the back of THE SWORD in January and February 1897, was a newspaper cut, published in the Chicago Journal, and was used in THE SWORD because no other was then available.

In the above letter, a blunder is made with reference to the solstitial cuts. We wondered for some time what was meant by the *moon* in these cuts, as we did not intend any moon in a cut illustrating the change of seasons. Finally it dawned on us that he had mistaken the Central Sun, three times the diameter of the projected sun, to be the moon. This sun appears to be exactly in the center of the sphere, and we did not think it possible that such a mistake could be made. We are fearful now that if the critic will refer to page 70 of the work on astronomy which he published some years ago, he will so far forget himself as to conclude that the visible sun is projected from the *moon*, appearing there as it does several times larger than the projected sun. Look it up and try the experiment.

The central cut referred to is practically correct, as we purpose to show by astronomical facts in contrast with the assertions in the published criticism, the writer of which asserts that none of the planets are this side of the sun, and that none of them are as far away as the stars. We can determine by lunar, solar, and planetary parallax, just where these objects are with reference to the stellar sphere. The stars have no parallax, because they are at the limit of vision; with the exception of fifteen or twenty, no parallax has been detected. It is with reference to the stars, that parallax of all the other objects in the physical heavens is determined. The parallax of the sun is $8''.85$. From the concave surface, which reverses the results obtained from the hypothesis that the earth is convex, the sun is computed to be within a very few miles of the stellar sphere, and consequently a little this side of the actual junction of the atmospheres; speaking in general terms, we may say that all of the objects seen in the physical heavens are at the junction of the atmospheres. The parallax of the moon is $57' 3''$, which would place it about 25 miles outside of the sun's orbit.

Three of the planets have each a greater parallax than the sun, and are consequently this side of the sun's orbit. The parallax of Venus at inferior conjunction, is about $33''$, nearly four times that of the sun; Mercury, a little less than that of Venus; Mars, $24''.6$, nearly three times that of the sun. Two of these planets transit the sun. We are astonished that the author of the above criticisms has never heard of the transits of Venus and Mercury! And as to Mars, even in the old system it is held that in its opposition to the sun, it is nearer the earth than the sun, by one half the sun's distance. The parallax of Jupiter is $1''.84$; Saturn, about $.75''$, while that of Uranus and Neptune is too slight to be measured, because they are at or in the star belt. Even their arcs of retrogradation are very short. Are there stars this side of the sun? M. du Muller has observed stars crossing the moon's disc; Astronomer Hoppman reported to the British Astronomical Society that he had observed stars as large as the spot Tycho on the moon, crossing the moon's disc; also a number of stars crossing the disc of the sun. Concerning the emplacement of the heavenly bodies, our critic might refer to his own work on astronomy

for corroboration of some of the above statements that the sun, moon, planets, and stars are near the junction of the atmospheres,—if he considers himself authority on the subject. In all his illustrations, the sun is located just as it is located on the Sixteenth Page, and just as we generally describe its position. Notice in the following, *first*, the location of the sun, and then of the moon, planets, and stars, with reference to the sun:

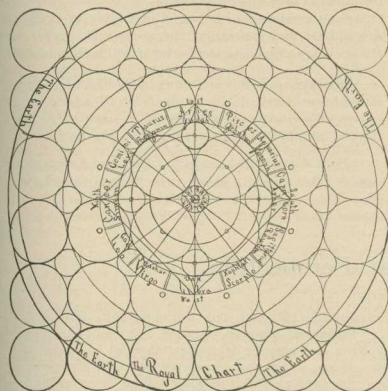
"* * Which focalize on our atmosphere, and produce what is called the projected sun. That which we see in the heavens is not the real sun, but the projected sun; in other words, the reflection of the sun, which is in the center of the earth, upon the outer atmosphere."—Page 67.

"The projected sun which we see in the physical heavens gives light and heat to the physical world. The atmosphere is about 1,000 miles high. In it are to be seen all the worlds, so called."—Page 68.

"A star could not be seen until its light is created and focalized in our atmosphere."—Page 74.

"And this star reflects its light on our atmosphere, and we see it as a star." "Each rim or plane has a focal point which is reflected on the air, and is seen as a star." "It [the moon] is within the atmosphere." "Meet the concave spheres or planes at right angles; thence pass straight through them and focalize on our atmosphere."—Page 74.

It will serve our purpose also to reproduce here a



PROF. R. O. S.'S DIAGRAM IN "TEMPLE OF LOVE."

cut taken from a later work of his, showing the earth's environ, the astral center, and the constellations in the physical heavens, which he places at about the height of 2,000 miles, away up in the second atmosphere, near the conjunction of the middle and inner atmospheres. In the circle of the Zodiac, he has the order of the constellations the *exact reverse* of their real order. The same error was made in his work on astronomy before

referred to, where different cuts were used. He has never yet published a correct drawing of the Zodiac, of the order of the signs, or of the constellations. We reproduce the cut here by the etching process, and consequently it is an exact fac simile of the original. We are surprised that he did not conclude that "it would not do to go before the world with that cut!" In view of the published criticisms, we ask the reader to contrast the cut above with the central one on the Sixteenth Page. The greater part of his cut is of no use. The Zodiac should be the signs in the earth, and the circle squared should be the earth's shell. The circles lying outside of this have no geometrical relation whatever to the inner circles. Concerning this diagram the author makes the following remarks, with some of which we beg to differ; whatever principles of squaring the circle are involved in this cut, he received from the Founder of the Koreshan System;—it would have been a good place to acknowledge the fact:

"This matchless method of the operations of order and use is represented in a marvelous degree in this masterful chart, the like of which has not been constructed before; but the beauty, harmony and perfection of which appeal to every one." Page 9. "In no book on geometry can this cut or figure be found, and no ancient or modern mathematician has been able to square the circle. It will require a clear-headed thinker to reproduce the figure from this chart, which demonstrates the geometrical proposition of squaring the circle."—Page 12.

Concerning his assertion, that "I think I understand your philosophy as well as any one outside of yourself, and hence I can see where these cuts conflict with facts," we remark, that it might be objected to on general and specific principles. His writings in the past might be profitably contrasted with what has appeared in THE SWORD for several years; besides, we take it that possession of truth cannot well be separated from its service. We might also refer to the mistakes and blunders in the above letter, contrary to facts of astronomy. We might take his remarks concerning the strata of the earth's shell. On what ground is it so easily understood that there should be one mineral stratum? For the same reason the five primary minerals are in the earth's shell, and seven and five make twelve. The geologic strata are not properly called strata, because they are not stratified; they are chaotic, representing all of the elements contained in the twelve strata beneath. Five primary stars at the center of the earth are derived from the five primary mineral strata, as the seven planets are derived from the seven metallic planes. No doubt further study will assist all students of the Koreshan System; we commend to our critic further investigation of its principles, with the kind suggestion that the fundamental factor of the recognition of truth and its source is necessary to the comprehension of the whole truth. Truth can neither be obtained or retained without it.



How can a brotherhood be expected to obtain among men who confess no allegiance to the center whom Christians (?) profess to love?

We are just now emerging from the darkest period of the most benighted of all the ages, and are about to enter again the Golden Age.

Short Marks and Remarks.

BY W. H. FAYT.

GIVE England the Philippine islands, as we have given her everything else she has asked for, but don't nauseate us with maudlin sentimentality about her friendship at a time when America needs sympathy. It is true that the Americans repelled her by arms when she tried to invade the country with armies, but they opened their doors to her usurers and sacrificed their liberty, manhood, and womanhood upon the altars of British gold. Yes, Americans need sympathy for their imbecility; so let England be appointed as their guardian angel!

Coming down out of the clouds of fulsome flattery to a dispassionate view of the situation, the friendly attitude of England toward the U. S. loses some of its gilding of selfishness when it is remembered that it takes about all of the surplus products of this country to pay our annual usury charges to her. Of course, England can afford to be sympathetic when the United States pays her \$400,000,000 per year for the privilege of calling itself a nation.

It would be in consonance with the eternal fitness of things, for the English-speaking Christian usurers and usurpers to unite for destructive warfare against the Christian nations which speak in foreign tongues. They are all guilty of crimes which can no longer be tolerated, and a bloody war of extermination would be about the only holy cause in which they could engage for the atonement of their past misdeeds.

Here is a bit of logic from the pen of a celebrated

writer, which expresses the clear conception of the modern mind in the school of sociology: "While the individual man is an insoluble puzzle, in the aggregate, he becomes a mathematical certainty." This reminds us that there is nothing so uncertain as a sure thing, and may account for the lovely condition of affairs which prevails in every country in the globe!

The war with Cuba has obliterated the Mason and Dixon line, and cemented the North and South in one indissoluble union; so the patriotic orators and writers of the press, tell us. This means that the hatchet has been buried and the bloody shirt burned. This being the case, it is impossible to surmise what the republican party will do for arguments during its next campaign!

It—as the mental scientists, occultists, and various other cults teach—God is in humanity as a whole, and every person is the abode of Deity, then, judging from practical, every-day experience in contact with the traveling cesspools of tobacco, profanity, fusel-oil, and other filth and bestiality, the sooner God goes into the scavenger business the better it will be for his credit.

Anxiety should have no place in the life of Koreshans. It dissipates force and is an evidence of a lack of filial trust. We can imagine Christ as being tired, hungry, thirsty, and in pain, but never anxious or fretful.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." This does not mean "the flesh-pots of Egypt."

In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

FAMOUS ELECTRICIANS are now proposing to make an artificial sun that will shine from an altitude sufficient to illumine hundreds of square miles of territory. When first produced electric lights were so expensive as to render them almost impracticable; this in part has been overcome, but it would be out of the question for dynamos run by engines of thousands of horse power, to produce anything like the volume of light necessary to cover any considerable area of the earth's surface. Tesla has announced many startling things during the past year; Nickum has discovered the perpetual light, fashioned after the form of the cellular universe, with the vortex in the center; and now comes Wilberforce, of Chicago, proposing to utilize the electric currents of the atmosphere in connection with magnetic currents of the earth, to produce a gigantic sun having an altitude of ten miles. If this is accomplished, it will be a miniature star—an imitation of the real ones in the physical heavens, points of combustion caused by the meeting of the descending and the ascending forces, causing vortices of energies with partial materialization of substances flowing into the eddies of involving forces. Another brilliant demonstration of the Koreshan Cosmogony will shine above the benighted "scientific world!" Energy is substance—a truth not thought of by the

so called scientists until they had opportunity to know of the conclusions of Koreshan Alchemy. Not until after the possibility of such gigantic lights was suggested by Koresh in his descriptions of the sun, planets, and stars, did the electricians conceive the idea of focalizing the natural forces of the world to produce a center of light or power. A few years ago, he published the suggestion that in the future he would move the machinery of the greatest city of the world by electric currents from the atmosphere, and the daily press laughed at the idea as an utter impossibility!

A Detroit man has originated a new concept of the science of creation; he has been sounding the unknown, and concludes that men and all species are embodied sounds or modes of motion. He begins with atoms of matter, infinitesimally small, the evolution of which is due not to their bulk, but to their volume of force—that is, susceptibility to rapid oscillation or vibration. This vibration is what he terms spirit, which moves the atoms toward the nuclear protoplasmic mass, the consequence of which is the cell. These cells contain "life stuff;" they evolve into higher forms by absorption of more vibratory energy. This is not describing what he supposes takes place

Now, but at the beginning—before there was anything but atoms; he describes what the first atom did to marry the second. No doubt the name of the first atom was Adam. Were it not for a few theories of vibration it is a puzzle to us to what some minds would resort in order to generate a little mental energy for pastime!

After shying off until England's attitude toward the United States could be ascertained, Russia concludes to sympathize with Spain, and to join with the powers in the endeavor to have the United States relinquish possession of the Philippines. With the United States breaking over old policies and entering on a campaign of conquest, some new complications with European powers are likely to result. Anglo-American alliance is both possible and probable; with these two powers united, the more rapidly decaying powers of the world could be defied. England will unite with America for a purpose; there are interests on the American continent that the English capitalists must not lose; besides, there is a conspiracy of forces which will cause kindred bloods to reach the same destiny. Universal war will centralize the forces of every distinct sphere of humanity; the vibrations which will culminate in the vortex have already begun!

You have heard expressions about the "queerness of the times." Why are the times queer? Is it because they are different from what they have been? Is winter queer because it is different from summer? Queer feelings are sensations that you do not understand; they are strange—suggestive of ill. The times are not queer to those who can read their signs. Millions do not know what is coming; they look with wonder upon the rapidity with which the world moves along the course of events. What does it portend? The end is soon—a great catastrophe, a universal cataclysm, in both the anthropotic and physical worlds. It is coming to blot out the old civilization and to level the walls which fortify every damnable power in the universe. The enemy must be vanquished before universal peace can be obtained. That enemy is not a myth, but is here in the tangible world; and the methods employed to vanquish him must be rational and scientific!

This is called an age of progress, but we fail to see it! There are no really great things being accomplished now in the political world; there can be none, for the forces are being disintegrated. The present war is mere child's play compared with what has been; today's heroes and military commanders are insignificant compared with some mighty men of the past. The feats of Napoleon have proportions which eclipse the military exploits of the close of the nineteenth century. He had ambition, and his powers were not hedged about by the spirit of lethargy, indolence, and sycophancy such as afflicts Wall street like a cancer. During the past nineteen hundred years, war has caused the death of over 5,000,000,000 people; during the past century, the death rate from war has fallen far below that of the periods of the world's great wars of the past.

By means of the photomicroscope, the blood in circulation can be seen. Of course, it has resolved itself into an instrument of diagnosis of disease, in connection with a new hypothesis, and some medical men are venturing into the unknown without guide or compass. It has been observed that the blood corpuscles of fever patients are flying through the arteries recklessly without regard to group or order, while in a normal condition, the flow is regular and the corpuscles pass along in associations; different diseases are thought to result in different groupings of the little red discs; and without any knowledge of

what the blood is, where the corpuscles originate, or what their destination is, a system of fallacious diagnosis clusters about this one series of observations. What a travesty of the genuine science of cure!

The American people boast of progress, of superior education and ability to lead the world in science and in morals. We may sound all popular claims to the bottom and find nothing that is true. The so called science of the world is a bundle of fallacies; the disintegrated so called religions are humbugs, and society is an empty farce. There is no such thing as true ethical culture in the world; there has never been a time in the world's history when there was so little regard for individual conduct as at the present time. The spirit of selfishness, the degrading influence of the competitive system, and the vices of the world have compelled every man to look out for himself. The finer ethical senses are lacking, and there is no regard for the neighbor.

Leiter, the Chicago wheat man, has been cursed by more than one class of men, for cornering the wheat market and holding millions of bushels of wheat in his elevators. Of course, it has raised the price of flour. Pound loaves of bread have been selling for years for 5 cents a loaf. Recently, the Baker's Association endeavored to play a little trick on the public, entrenched behind Leiter's wheat prices; it was to introduce the 6-cent rate for bread. The scheme was to put the price up while there was an excuse for it, and to keep it up after wheat had fallen again. Since the new rate, bakers have been having a hot time in their ovens; the scheme would not work,—they had to return to the 5-cent rate, and their cake is dough!

A little spurt of popular charity is soon to occur in Chicago; 25,000 waifs are to be fed once or twice in Washington Park. Somebody cares more for these children on that particular holiday than at any other time; 364 days of the year they are neglected, while the would-be philanthropists are stealing millions from the parents of these children. Great system! With a thoughtless people, one day's charity covers the philanthropist's sins for a whole year. The children of every city should have just such a picnic every day. Millions of people wish it were so, but will not turn a hand over in the interests of the Cause that will produce the effect!

Sentiment said that the war was for the purpose of rescuing the starving reconcentrados in Cuba. At Havana the war has been a time of peace; Wall street has been merciful to Blanco. Not a single regiment of American soldiers has been landed on the soil of Cuba, and Blanco has been unharmed; while the reconcentrados have escaped by way of the tomb, beyond all recovery.

If the actual and tangible form of any religion is desired to be observed, make a little study of the organizations which bear the names; men and women in nuclei will be discovered. Study the character and life of an organization and you have just what the "religion" is,—no more nor less.

The world will come to an end when it is proved that we live on the outside of the earth; the people would die from sheer fright of hanging head down in empty, infinite space! The worst work Blodgett could do for the world would be to prove his point.

The close of the great 24,000-year cycle, the culmination of all cycles, witnesses the advent of hundreds of thousands of wheels; wheels are all the "go" now. At the time when the lines of the two great cycles bisect each other, we have the bi-cycle.

The board of strategy at Washing Town continues to send

newly laundered fronts for Sampson's warships, much to the detriment of the war movement against Spain. The board of strategy is running the laundry, and is 'in the suds.'

THE FLAMING SWORD is the fiery blade that strikes at every evil under the sun! The Founder of Koreshanity has discovered the root of all evil, the principle of human existence from which the energies of evil proceed.

The great question of the hour in colleges and universities is, "What's the score?" Modern education has degenerated to the ridiculous stratum of a form of pugilism, the hazardous, barbarous and base foot-ball.

It is as impossible to reduce anything to nothing as it is to make something out of nothing; therefore, the physical universe never had a beginning, and it can never have an ending.

Devey established the precedent, but did not establish the policy of the president and board of strategy. It would never do for the wisecracs of war to copy after a commodore!

With Bellamy in the spiritual world and Debs left on this side, there may now be a dispute as to where the great communist scheme is to be established.

The social problems that are perplexing to so called reformers today, might just as well be left to the United States naval board of strategy!

Modern civilization is not conducive to contentment and happiness; it fills the world with pretension, and this leads to distrust and discontent.

During the exciting war times, the so called reformers might remodel their schemes for capturing the world with their ideas!

When Spain sues to have the war stopped, she will have to enter suit in the court of the American justice of the peace.

Death is the avenue to spiritual spheres as corrupt as the natural spheres which death invades.

If the modern astronomers were scientists, they could tell the world all about everything!

One man can be a whole university in himself, provided he has the faculty to teach the world.

If a man's 'religion' is worth anything, it can be seen in what he does.

Koreshanity is the only System in the world that is truly iconoclastic.

Some 'brave' people are easily scared by Koreshan conclusions.

The money power taxes the strength of the workingman.

Abolish the millionaire!

Query, Chat, and News Departments.

BY THE EDITOR.

Koreshan Science is Comprehensive.

A few weeks ago Mrs. C. introduced me to Koreshanity by loaning me a few pamphlets. I at once found myself in harmony with the astronomical department, (1) but must admit other branches depressed me. I feel a loss of the force I must and do obtain with my affirmations in mental science. (2) I should like to ask you if, although Jesus was the reincarnation of Abraham, has not Abraham an individual spirit somewhere? And is there not an individual Jesus aside from the 144,000? (3) Would you object to telling me the proof KORESH gave you of his illumination, assuring you that he is the Prophet? (4) Can you tell me if my present life closes my incarnations? (5) And could I comprehend the law of immortality? (6) When is the time for the battle of Armageddon? I shall appreciate your kindness in answering the above questions—Mrs. J. W. R., Springfield, Mass.

There is a difference between the forces of truth and the forces of fallacy; we must relinquish the latter to obtain the former. If you are receptive to entities of truth as they come to you through Koreshan avenues, there is necessarily a cessation of influx from the field of fallacy, more or less. This is by no means detrimental to you. When you have found the truth, you will make rational affirmations from known premises; they are a thousand-fold more effective than the energies of fallacy which result from affirmations of that which is not true. Never say you are well, or strong, or in possession of the light, when you are not. The rational

method would be to get well, to get strong, to get the light, and then you could affirm the truth. (2) The 'individual spirit' or central ego of Jesus the Christ was the ego of Abraham, perfected to the state of the Godhood, through experiences in the Jewish race for hundreds of years. When the 144,000 sons of God are produced in the earth, there will be no individual spirit or person of Jesus apart from the 144,000, for he sowed himself in the race that he might be multiplied. (3) See May, 1896, FLAMING SWORD, department of the SALVATOR AND SCIENTIST, which we send you. Articles in this department will answer your question. (4) The degree to which you have progressed through re-embodiments can be determined only by your comprehension of the truth and your consequent obedience to the laws of life. (5) We see no reason why you should not understand the Koreshan System, if you apply yourself to the study of it in the proper way. The means of practical application of the principles of the System are reached as we progress in its study. Many are rejoicing in the hope which such a knowledge inspires, and we have no doubt you could come to an understanding of the science of immortality by study and the necessary obedience to the laws and conditions imposed. (6) At the close of the present dispensation; it is now going on in the battle of

Truth with fallacy, and will end when fallacy is overthrown.

Man Analogous to the Universal Form.

W. H. C., Belden, O.—We have both your letter and article, and we note their contents, and your interest in the subjects treated in the columns of THE SWORD. We should be glad to publish what you have to say if your article were not so prolix and your arguments so abstruse. We are familiar with the doctrines of Herbert Spencer, from whence you seem to have derived many of your arguments and conclusions. Your conception of matter is fallacious; matter is not inert. The world of matter and the world of spirit are not two distinct realms, but are specifically correlated. Matter and spirit are the two general conditions of the universe, matter being the basis of all energy. Matter is not simply acted upon by forces extraneous to itself, but it is the pediment of energy, spirit or life. Without matter spirit could not exist; any kind of matter is just as much alive as its correlate quality of energy. The misconceptions of Spencer grew out of his ignorance of the form and function of the universe, and of the laws of alchemy; and his conclusions do not refute the Koreshan System. Man is analogous to the universe in form and function, because man is the involved form of the universe. The seed is the in-

volved form of the plant; the outside of the plant is inside the seed, and *vice versa*. The outside surface of the man is analogous to the inside surface of the universe. For instance, the alimentary canal in the human system is internal, while in the universal form it is in the external environ. These facts will not permit your conclusion that because man sustains relation to things external to himself—that because he is surrounded by atmosphere, that the earth itself must possess a circumambient environ, and consequently is convex. The universe breathes from within, man from without. When man breathes he expands externally; when the universe breathes it expands toward the center, just as the brain must expand when it respire. Man discharges externally, the universe internally. We do not leave the investigator to rest upon analogy alone, concerning the form of the universe. We have demonstrated that the earth's surface is concave—we get right down to the tangible surface with indisputable factors, and determine, geometrically and mechanically, not only the contour of the earth, but also its ratio of concavity. We call your attention to these demonstrations, the facts of which we are publishing to the world. Your analogies are somewhat mixed, and before you reach the truth you will have to abandon a number of fallacious premises upon which you predicate your conclusions. We shall be glad to assist you in any way we can.

Publication of the New Geodesy.

Sometime ago I sent you a postoffice money order for the NEW GEODESY, and other pamphlets. I received all but the NEW GEODESY, which has not yet put in its appearance. Please look the matter up, and send the book.—Geo. J. R., Orlando, Okl.

Orders for the new book have not yet been filled because it has not yet been issued. We are pushing the work as rapidly as possible, and hope to have it ready for mailing at an early date. The pages are now being electrolytized, the cuts are completed, and it will soon go on the press, then to the bindery, and then to the people. Since first advertised the work has been enlarged from about 75 pages to about 200—for the same price, illustrated by about five times as many cuts as the small work proposed. We trust that the increase in size will more than make up for the delay in getting it to our friends. The name of the work has been changed to THE CELLULAR COSMOGONY, or THE EARTH A CONCAVE CELL, issued in two parts, Part 2 being the NEW GEODESY. We ask the exercise of patience on the part of our readers who have been expect-

ing the book. We are doing the best we can, and we believe the book will surprise you when it is ready.

The City of the Sun.

I wish to call your attention to Isa. xix: 18. One of the five cities of the United States is to be called the City of Koresch. It reads in our version, "the city of destruction," margin, "Heres, city of the sun." The Hebrew word is very expressive. The letters, *chet, resh, samech* constitute the name Koresch. There is no authority for the English translation, destruction.—J. W. H., Charlotte, N. C.

The translation of the word *heres* as given in the old version, is correct. The meaning of the word *heres* is involved in the word Koresch, because the sun is a place of transmutation, the destruction of atoms; but Koresch implies more. In this limited sense, *heres* means the sun. If you will refer to Isa. xlv: 28 you will find the correct Hebrew word for Koresch, the letters being *kaph, resh, shin*. The word Koresch means the sun in the sense of all its functions.

Must Control Circumstances.

C. C. C., Phillipsburg, N. J.—We thank you for your kind letter; we trust that as you continue your investigation of the Koreschian System you may be able to comprehend more of that for which you are looking—Truth. We perceive in your letter a little of the spirit of discouragement, which may be removed by a knowledge of the laws of life. The Koreschian System is instituted for the purpose of controlling circumstances and overcoming the competitive system with all it involves. In order to overcome evil in ultimates, the Almighty must meet the enemy in the external world. At such a time the enemy usurps the power of the universe. Elijah has dared to show his face in these perilous times, and will conquer, else the condition of the world is hopeless.

M. J., San Francisco, Cal.—Missing numbers of SWORD are sent you by this mail. Bound volumes are now being prepared in our bindery, and will be sent as soon as ready.

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The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

Sword is New and Unique.

THE FLAMING SWORD interests me more and more. It is new and unique. While I do not accept the Cellular Theory, I am glad to read all you have to say regarding it. But your ideas on social, political, and religious questions generally are in line with my views. I try to read all sides. I am looking for the light, and I care not from whence it comes; I will acknowledge and follow it when I see it. It seems to me that all new schools of thought along social, political, and religious lines are

more closely connected than appears on the surface. The basic ideas are the same. There is a golden thread running through all. Their points of difference to me are non-essential. They concern questions of which we can know little at best. Their points of resemblance concern this life—a broader humanity, more equitable conditions, the abolition of the old, and the inauguration of the new. These are the essentials; at least so it seems to me. I think I have no creed, except that I love humanity. I try to be tolerant of all creeds whose object is to help humanity. I hope that all reform schools may, in time, overlook their points of difference and all unite on the great fundamental idea of making this world better to live in, here and now. That seems to me the practical end in view. All the rest is more or less theory. The men who have helped their fellows most are those who have dared to think along new lines. I welcome all such! Fraternally yours,—J. A. E., Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics, Lincoln, Nebr.

The Sword and the Preachers.

FLAMING SWORD:—I enclose \$1, for which send THE SWORD to Mr. J. A., Exchange, Pa. Please continue sending me a few extra copies. It is a pleasure to work for Truth's ordained Journal. I am doing my best to introduce THE SWORD, especially among the educated, and it is not an easy task. One man told me that he could never believe your doctrine until it was all fulfilled; I kindly reminded him that any fool could believe it then! I enclose postal from a preacher to whom I tried to introduce THE SWORD. I sent him a reply, suggesting that if he could prove Koreschian false there would be money and honor in it for him, but I have received no further reply from him as yet. This is what he wrote:

Turbotville, Pa., May 2, 1898.
Mr. W. A.—Your postal is at hand. In reply, I must decline to accept or read THE FLAMING SWORD. The publisher has succeeded in proving beyond a doubt, that he is a consummate fool. Unless he ceases to condemn X's church and his people, he will go to a place much warmer than Cuba.—REV. E. H. ENNIS.

I believe in giving praise and honor to whom they are due. I can't help praising such a worthy journal as THE FLAMING SWORD. The excellent part of it is, that it is entirely original; it does not imitate a single thing found in other journals. Koreschian has not its equal. The Lord always reserves his best gifts for the last, and only those who are worthy will receive the best gifts. Koreschian is the key to the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven. The transformation of the Sixteenth Page proves the Bible science of heaven and earth to be true. THE FLAMING SWORD is the nearest thing out. It teaches the pure truth, boldly, clearly, and fearlessly, without respect to persons.—W. A., Turbotville, Pa.

I am so pleased with THE FLAMING SWORD that I wish to send some encouragement in the way of money to keep it going. I enclose one dollar, for which you may give me credit on your books; do not extend my subscription, but let it go toward paying the cost of some extra copies I am receiving. The article on the Science of "Astral Projection" a short while ago is the best on that subject ever written. The following one, "Abomination of Desolation" is well written, bold, and correct. "Against Wall Street Bonds" is just and correct. "In the Editorial Perspective,"—that department is, every week, unsurpassed, and Query, Clue, and News Departments are ably conducted. The doctrine

of the Cellular Cosmogony is transcendent. Success to you all!—Maj. O. W., Denver, Colo.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD: Enclosed find stamps for one or two copies of THE SWORD. I have not had one for over a year. My subscription expired, and I did not renew. They report around here that the Koreshan Unity has "busted up"; I tell them I do not believe it. Send me a late FLAMING SWORD, and that will satisfy me about the matter.—E. G. D., Ashmont, O.

I have been a subscriber to THE FLAMING SWORD for about two years, but of late I have been unable to raise the subscription price. I have sorely missed the paper since last November. I would be overjoyed if you would kindly send me the paper again until I am able to pay you. Hoping for a favorable reply, I am,—G. B. S., Baltimore, Md.

Enclosed please find \$1, for which please send me all the books and pamphlets listed in THE FLAMING SWORD, and credit me for three months' subscription to THE SWORD. I have seen only a few copies of your paper but if Koreshanism is true I want to know it.—W. W. M., Mingo, Miss.

Through one of my friends I have just read a copy of your unique paper, and am much interested in the astronomical section of it, especially. I enclose 5 ct. stamp for some facts telling about the earth's surface.—F. D. B., Terre Haute, Ind.

I enclose 25 cents in stamps; send me a copy of THE CELLULAR COSMOGONY, also a circular and agent's outfit for canvassing. I will take this section and do my very best. I have not the money this time, or I would send for a hundred copies.—Dr. W. J. G., New Castle, Pa.

Enclosed please find \$12; \$13 for all the bound volumes in best binding, as per advertisement, and \$1 for subscription from where bound volumes end. Please inform me how far that will carry me.—M. J., San Francisco, Cal.

I enclose draft for books and papers. I got the information regarding your paper from J. H. M., this city, who passed me a few copies. I therefore desire to learn more of the Koreshan System.—L. C. A., New Orleans, La.

I am glad that you continued sending me THE SWORD, although I have not had a dollar to spare until now. I send \$1.25; please send me a copy of the NEW GEODESY when it is ready.—A. P. W., Cadillac, Mich.

LATER.—Please find enclosed \$1 for THE SWORD. I find upon receiving it again that it is advocating the same cause that it was two years ago, and it is the paper for me.—E. G. D.

Chat With Readers.

If we may judge from expressions of our readers, THE FLAMING SWORD is received with a warm and hearty welcome. Its pages, fresh from the pen and press, cheer the hearts of thousands who are interested in the great battle for humanity, and it is evident that with such THE SWORD is an absolute necessity. It is genuinely scientific and profoundly religious, without a shadow of superstition. It contains that which is reasonable and logical; its style is forceful and vigorous. THE SWORD is the publication for all those who are tired

of the fallacies of modern times; it supplies them with proofs and arguments against the old institutions; but unlike would-be iconoclasts, it builds while it demolishes. The principles of the Koreshan System are first discovered and demonstrated; then the fallacies of the hour can be attacked with assurance of victory. The difficulty with "reformers" is, they undertake to demolish the present order before they know what they will do when the walls fall. Is that forethought? Is it generalship? Do you want to follow a destructive guerrilla reform element, whose object is plunder? No! You want the science of construction; you want to know what is to be done in the founding of the New Order, and how to do it. THE SWORD champions your cause. You need it more than we need you, but success is found in mutual endeavor. We have worked for years and years in the promulgation of the most advanced literature of the age, and you have admired our pluck. Will you seek to merit words of commendation from us? You have done well; you can do better.

You find a copy of THE SWORD in the car seat, in the reading room; or a friend hands you one, or you request a sample copy. It matters not what you are, the appearance of THE SWORD appeals to you. So unusual in name—and there is a feeling that it is appropriate. Its features stand out at once: Typography and presswork the best; headlines that are just strong enough and large enough to impress the importance of the lines below; the several departments, up-to-date in every respect; the subjects touched upon, with obvious radical stand for Truth, impressing you that "if that paper hasn't the truth it ought to have it, for it is worthy to be its champion." The language used is the best, and the expressions clear; there are the several vigorous writers, through whose pens you seem to trace an extraordinary ground or premise. What is it?—some new discovery or key? You find its friendly chats and perspective panorama of the world, and the cheerful and patient replies to the many questions. You are at once attracted to this journal of extraordinary and universal interest. Don't search for its peer, for IT HASN'T ANY! Write a kind word about it; it will increase your interest in us, and do us good too.

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only fragments; they do not claim to be more.

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Sunday.—Lieut. Hobson, of sunken Merrimack, the hero of the hour.—Spanish spy service discovered at Montreal, and documents taken by detectives.—Newspapers fix upon another naval battle off Haytian coast; was not fought—some reporter's nightmare.—Spain's reserve fleet at Porto Rico, Martinique, and Cadiz, Spain, at same time.—Last cable at Santiago cut; Cuba now has no cable service.—President Hureaux, of San Domingo, reported to be assassinated.

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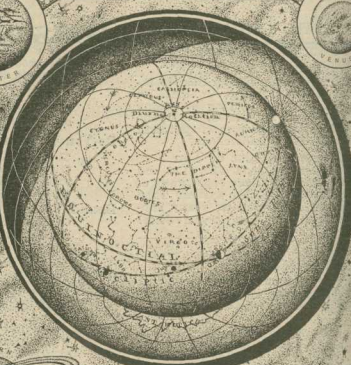
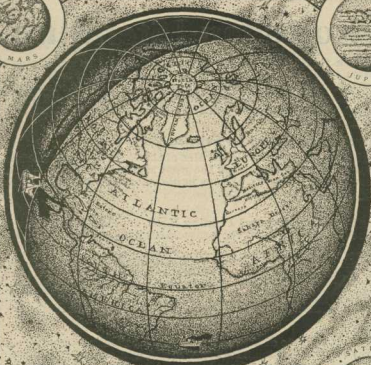
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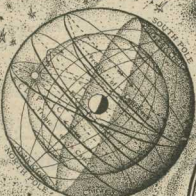
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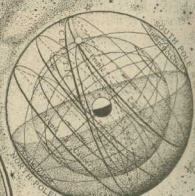


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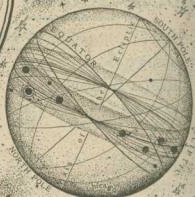
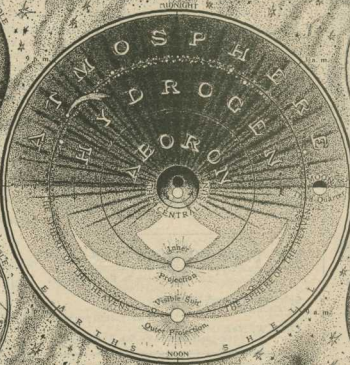
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